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YOUR SAN MIGUEL POWER MEMBER NEWSLETTER



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In the event of a power outage, contact your local SMPA office to reach our 24-hour dispatch.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

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DECEMBER SAFETY TIPS

- ✓ Prioritize fire prevention for holiday decorations and heating methods.
- ✓ Ensure all lights, especially Christmas lights, are turned off when you leave the house or go to bed.
- ✓ Keep flammable items at least three feet away from space heaters.

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FEATURE STORY

Save Energy and Cook Smarter with Induction Technology

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SAVE ENERGY AND UPGRADE YOUR KITCHEN? INDUCTION COOKTOPS OFFER FASTER, CLEANER, AND MORE EFFICIENT COOKING THAN TRADITIONAL GAS OR ELECTRIC STOVES.

Instead of heating a burner, induction cooktops use electromagnetic energy to warm your pots and pans directly—turning them into their own heat source. This means quicker cooking times, precise temperature control, and less wasted energy. In fact, induction cooking is 85–90% efficient, compared to about 70–80% for electric and just 40% for gas.

Because little heat escapes into the air, your kitchen stays cooler, reducing the strain on your home's cooling system. Induction cooktops are also safer, since the surface remains cool to the touch, and cleaner, with no open flame or gas emissions to affect indoor air quality.

Cleanup is a breeze too; spills don't bake onto the surface, and the smooth glass wipes clean in seconds.

San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) is helping make the switch easier with rebates for both homebuilders and homeowners who choose induction.

Visit smpa.com/energy#berebates to learn more, find rebates and start saving energy—one meal at a time.



SMPA'S INDUCTION COOKTOP REBATES:

\$100 Transition from electric to induction

\$400 Transition from natural gas or propane to induction; or new construction



REMINDER: New Rates Take Effect December 15

All members should plan for the recently approved rate increase to take effect on December 15th. For most residential consumers, the change includes a \$5 increase to the monthly access charge, bringing it to \$33.00 per month, and a 3c increase to the on-peak energy rate, bringing that rate to 25c per kilowatt-hour (kWh) between 4 PM and 9 PM. The off-peak rate of 11c per kWh remains unchanged. The new rates will be reflected in the January bill.



Working Together to Lower Demand

Cold winter weather increases electricity use as heating systems work harder and households use more lighting and appliances. Because many people use power at the same times—especially in the mornings and between 4 PM and 9 PM—these “peak hours” put added strain on the electric grid. SMPA partners with Tri-State Generation and Transmission to anticipate these seasonal patterns and ensure reliable power, but our local system is also part of a larger regional grid that benefits from efficient use by everyone.

Residents can help ease demand through simple actions on the coldest days: lower the thermostat a few degrees, delay running major appliances until off-peak times, set water heaters to 120°F and space out hot-water use, and unplug unneeded electronics and lighting. These small habits reduce stress on the grid, support system reliability, and help lower monthly energy bills. Working together, the community can keep homes comfortable and power dependable throughout the winter.



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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17
11:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
170 W. 10TH AVE., NUCLA



Wishing You a

Joyous Holiday Season!

SMPA Offices will be **closed** on **Dec. 24th & 25th** ...as well as **Jan. 1st**.
SMPA will be **open** during regular business hours on **Dec. 29th - 31st** & beginning **Jan. 5th**.



Remember: Basic services are always available on smpa.smarthub.coop



2026 SCHOLARSHIPS



SAN MIGUEL POWER ASSOCIATION

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Altricity Scholarship Foundation



TRI-STATE Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.

DEADLINES: January 30th, 2026 | March 9th, 2026



2026 YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP / ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE YOUTH TOUR

www.smpa.com/youth-tour-and-youth-camp

SMPA
POWER PLAY

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLE:
NO STOP IT ON COI DUCK
Hint: Hot Savings

Last Month's Answer: INDUCTION COOKTOPS

SUBMIT YOUR ANSWER
and be entered into a
drawing for a fun prize to:
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